

## **Enhancement Works For Jetty at Ubin Living Lab**

The National Parks Board (NParks) is planning to construct a wheelchair-friendly floating pontoon jetty with an arrival pavilion at Ubin Living Lab, located at the southern coast of Pulau Ubin. This location has calmer waters and facilities to accommodate wheelchair users and persons with low mobility.

The wheelchair-friendly floating pontoon jetty with an arrival pavilion is an initiative by NParks and Accessible Ubin (AU), a ground-up initiative by the Friends of Ubin Network (FUN), to make the island more inclusive, safer, and accessible to families, wheelchair users and seniors. NParks and AU have consulted wheelchair users who have visited Pulau Ubin and volunteer welfare organisations on the design of the jetty. Over the last few years, NParks engaged academics, nature group stakeholders and Friends of Ubin (FUN) to discuss the design concept and findings of the environmental study.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study was conducted from 2021 to 2023 to identify potential environmental impact, develop mitigation measures, and an Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan (EMMP) to minimise anticipated impacts during the project implementation phase.

The EIA has assessed that most of the impacts predicted for both the construction and post-construction phase for hydrodynamics, marine ecology and biodiversity, water quality, air quality, underwater noise, aquaculture, and recreational activities can be mitigated to slight impact or less. In addition, airborne noise on avifauna and shoreline erosion due to shipwake, are predicted to be reduced to minor impact with the implementation of key mitigation measures during site preparation. There will be no transboundary impact arising from the works.

Mitigation measures to address potential environmental impacts have been formulated as part of the Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan (EMMP) in the EIA. The EMMP will be implemented throughout the project period. Site preparation works for the proposed jetty are targeted to commence in 2025.

The EIA report is available for public download in the link provided and the public feedback period is from 28 March 2024 to 27 April 2024.

Please provide your feedback on the EIA report within the public feedback period to Konrad Teo at [Konrad\\_Teo@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:Konrad_Teo@nparks.gov.sg) and Sunshine Sim at [nparks\\_pulau\\_ubin@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:nparks_pulau_ubin@nparks.gov.sg).